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Two bills of far-reaching import and of vital interest to the State at large were introduced in the House of Representatives yesterday by ex-Speaker E. J. Justice. One is entitled "an act to provide for primary elections in the State of North Carolina," and the other "an act to prevent carrupt pratices in primary, special, general and other elections."

The primary bill provides that a state-wide primary for the nomination of all State officers, represantative in Congress and in the General Assembly and county and township officers shall be held for all political parties that put out a ticket in the State, on the same day, the first Tuesday in September in each election year, except the year of presidential election, when the primary is to be held on the first Tuesday in June. United States Senators also are to be nominated in such prim-

It futher provides that each voter shall vote in the Primary for both a first and second choice as to president and vice-president and governer, and that the electors are bound by the results of the primary; that all acts made criminal if committed in connection with the general election shall be criminal if committed in connection with the primary, and that the same punishment shall prevail.

Detailed and elaborate machinery for holding the primary is contained in the bill, providing for epenses State. prescribing the duties of the various and sundry officers of the primary and naming the fees to be paid by candidates whose names are to be voted on in the primary.

"Corrupt Practice" Bill.

sider casting, or intend to cast or hope it does.

not to cast, or which he may have failed to cast;" to directly or indirectly spend or contribute any money or other thing of value to aid in the campaign or election of any candidate for any office in a primary or in a general election unless the same be reported immediately to such candidate, that it may be included in his reports of receipts and expenses as required by law, which report must be made under oath; for a candidate to spend or assent to the expenditure of more than fifty per cent, of what the annual salary would be in the office he aspires, except that candidates for governor and United States senators may not spend or allow to be spent an amount greater than the annual salary of the office to which they aspire.

This bill makes it a felony for any person to fraudulently cause his name to be placed upon the registration books of more than one election precinct: to give or promise or request or accept at any time before or after any election any money, property, political support or influence or reward of any kind, in return for the vote of any elector; to make any false entry on any election book or any false return; [this latter applying to election officers.]

HEALTH AND HYGIENE.

North Carolina Board of Health.

It really seems that there are some good grounds for much of the complaint arising all over the State against the deplorable conditions of some of our less carefully managed The bill requires that each voter hotels, restaurants and lodging who participates in the primary houses. The public has gotten past shall state under oath with what the roller towel stage of civilization and now they demand some really good hotel inspection throughout the

Wouldn't it be fine if some central authority could be empowered to inspect hotels with reference to danger from fire, means of fire escape, sanitation, lighting, etc., and The "corrupt practice" bill makes give them a rating just like the the it a misdemeanor to bet or wager present United States dairy score anything of value on an election; card by which dairies are rated? "to directly or indrectly discharge Then a man would know before he or threaten to discharge from em- got there just what sort of a hotel ployment or otherwise intimate or he was getting into, and what he oppress any legally qualified voter | might expect for his money. The on account of any vote such voter present Legislature may see its way may cast, or intend to cast, or con- clear to pass such a bill. Let us

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